

# First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

# **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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## Welcome to Emanuel

#### **WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!**

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

### **DECEMBER 3, 2023**

### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** Pastor Lyn Crase

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Candle of Hope)**

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

#### Amen

**P:** God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

P: Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.

We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness

that make us reluctant to work against oppression.

We are complicit in systems of exploitation.

We choose comfort over courage.

We are careless with creation's bounty.

Look upon us with mercy.

Turn our hearts again to you.

Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world.

#### **Amen**

**P:** Hear these words of assurance:

God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness.

God's covenant is eternal,

and God's blessing rests upon us all.

#### **Amen**

## **KYRIE**—everyone sings



### THIS IS THE FEAST



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### THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)



#### GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

## PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (Congregation responds with vss. 3, 7, & 19)

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

## <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

## <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)** Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Lyn

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** O, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

### APOSTLE'S CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION......congregation responds with "receive our prayer."

A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.

#### SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### **OFFERTORY**

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God our provider,

by your merciful hand

abundance springs up from the earth.

Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.

Let them be a sign of your steadfast love

and faithfulness for all people,

through Jesus Christ our Savior.

#### **Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**A:** In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

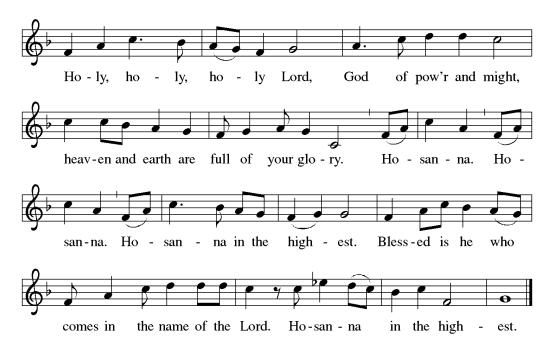
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P:** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

#### **Amen**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

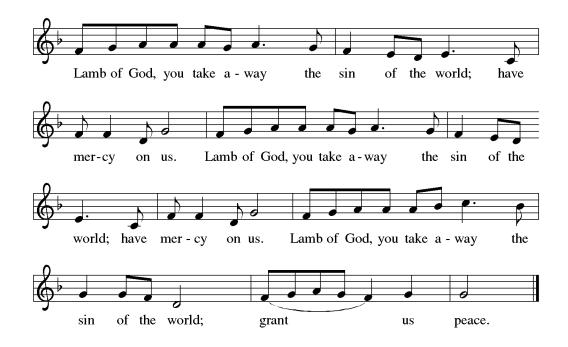
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.

Come, take your place at the table.

We practice continuous communion. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

#### LAMB OF GOD



### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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The communion hymns are from Pastor Lyn's ordination service.

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Generous God,

in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

#### **Amen**

#### **BLESSING**

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit 

→ remain upon you now and forever.

#### **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come

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#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

## Bible Readings for December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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## Announcements: Week of December 3, 2023

**Thank you to all who donated flashlights** for the Sunday School project. We donated 125 flashlights for foster kid in Stanislaus County. ~Outreach Team



Please save the date and join us for Neighborhood Christmas Caroling, Wednesday, December 13th, at 6:00. We'll gather at the Holtz home (926 Mt. Vernon Drive) for a bowl of soup prior to a bit of caroling in the neighborhood. Then, we'll return for cookies and a warm drink. Bring a warm jacket and a flashlight. Please sign up in the Narthex. If you forget to sign up, come anyway. The more voices, the better!

**Drew Shank is working on his Eagle Scout Project.** His project benefits Emanuel Lutheran Church's property. If you'd like to donate, please indicate "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo line of your check. *Thank you.* 

### Adult Senior Day Care

**Emanuel Lutheran Church continues its search** for a volunteer program coordinator. For more information, contact the Pastor.

Thanks be to God for 20 years of ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament (December 6, 2003). The flowers are from Pastor Lyn's family.

Thank you, Emanuel Lutheran, for being a strong and faithful partner in ministry!



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You are invited to hear about the "Companion Program" that takes place between Lutheran churches and those in El Salvador. Pastor Christian Chavarria, Assistant to the Bishop, El Salvador will tell how the Lutheran Churches in El Salvador pair with Lutheran Churches in the US to share the work they are doing in showing Jesus' love in their communities.

This informal gathering will take place at the home of Marsha Waggoner, 916 Kenilworth Court, on **Tuesday, December 5, 2-3 pm.** This is open to anyone interested to learn more about how the Gospel shapes the lives of Lutherans in other parts of our world.

Your prayers and presence are requested at the service of

## HOLY EUCHARIST

with the

## RITE OF INSTALLATION

for the 6th Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## THE REV. JEFF R. JOHNSON

December 9th,  $2023 \mid 2:00 \text{ PM}$ 

St. Matthew Lutheran Church 399 Wiget Lane Walnut Creek, CA

## **Ongoing Announcements**

**Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location** to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

**Text Study: Every Tuesday,** year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

**The Men's Bible Study Group** meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

**Wednesday Adult Bible Study** — 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. Join anytime.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

**Coin Jar --** Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

**Quilting Bee** -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

**Lydia Circle** — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

**Leah Circle** meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

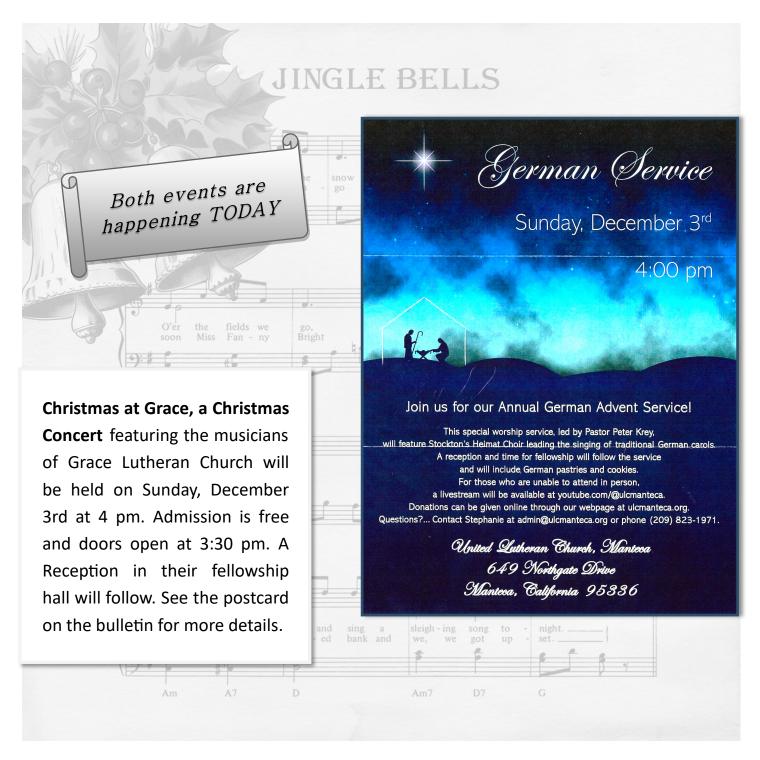
**Rebecca Circle** meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome! **Miriam Circle** meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

**The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle** are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland* 

**Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief** directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

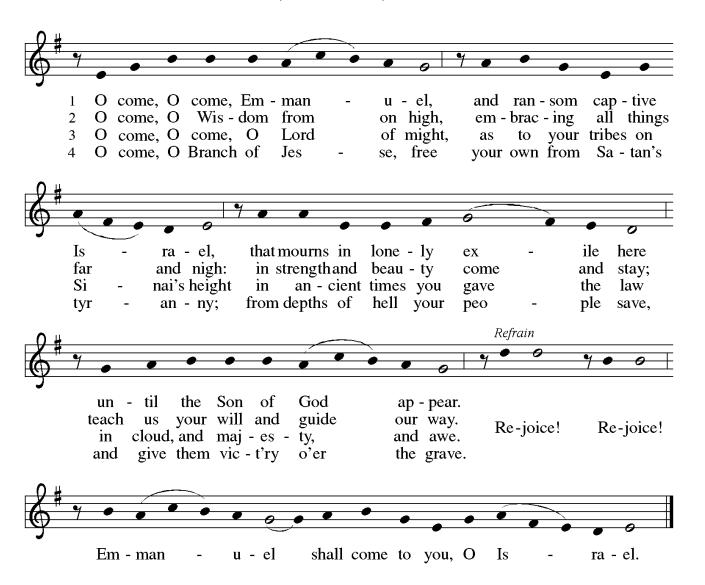
## **Upcoming Community Holiday Events**

## See flyers on bulletin board for details



## Advent Candle Lighting, sing verse one

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



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### **Entrance**

## Fling Wide the Door

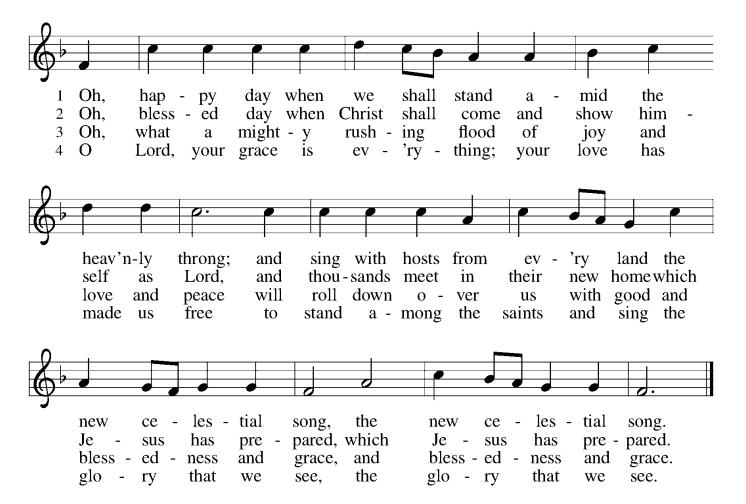


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## **Hymn of the Day**

## Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



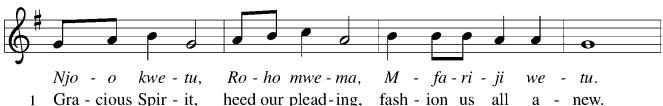
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## **Communion Hymn**

## Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



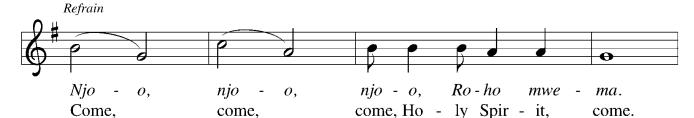
- Come to teach us.
- Guide our think-ing
- heed our plead-ing, come to nour - ish and our speak-ing
- fash ion us all a new. those who be-lieve in Christ. done in your ho - ly name.

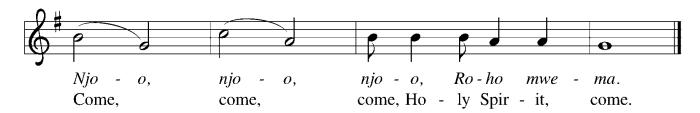


Tu - fu - ndi - she It's your lead - ing Bless the faith-ful, Mo - ti - vate all

ya mbi - ngu - ni, that we're need-ing, may they flour-ish, in their seek-ing,

tuwe wa - tu wa - pya. help fol - low us to you. strength-ened by grace un - priced. free - ing from guilt and shame.





- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment. doubt into certainty. Refrain
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswaved by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila

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## **Communion Hymn**

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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## **Sending Hymn**

## The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright er than the ris ing morn when Christ, vic to rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright er than that glo rious morn shall dawn up on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau ty brings.



hills and life when beau - ty gilds the east - ern to joy a - wakes. but crowned with like the sun that lights the glo - ry morn-ing sky. and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes. when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face. the day Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816

## Prayer Requests: December 3, 2023

**†** Prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter for the Salonen family

### **On-going Prayers:**

- Kyra Loretelli—peace of mind & well-being (Marquez)
- Michelle Meyers—recovery from a broken arm (Schmidt)
- 3. James Nelson—health & healing
- 4. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
- 5. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
- Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
- 7. Eliot Furlan—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
- Terry Martinez—comfort & healing (Crawford)
- 9. Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Bauman
- 10. Lena Shirley & family—well-being; daughter Jennifer—successful relocation
- Alexandria—a good outcome/surgery (Watkins)
- 12. Aaron Strait—employment
- 13. Infant Calvin Clark Simon—complete healing and well-being (Simon)

- 14. Ray Simon—strength & healing
- 15. Cara Lee—recovery & healing (Crawford)
- 16. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
- 17. Rose Epting—healing
- 18. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
- 19. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
- 20. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)
- 21. Stephanie Detmer—healing/cancer treatments (Kraft)
- 22. Stephanie—healing/cancer treatments (Obermeyer)
- 23. Vicki—health issues (Wilke)
- 24. Dee Corrin—health (Nelson)
- 25. Brendon—health, well-being & friendship (Mckenzie/Schmidt)
- 26. Clarice Soares, Debora Bauer, & Diane McCoy—healing & health (Tchmola)

## CALENDAR | DECEMBER 4 - 10

**Monday, December 4** 

10:00 am Christmas Decorating: Luther Hall

10:30 am Outreach Ministry Meeting: Luther Hall

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 5** 

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

6:30 pm Radiant Bible Study: Luther Hall

Wednesday, December 6

7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden

Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto

11:30 am Day Care Board Meeting: Church Office

1:30 pm Bible Study: Luther Hall

5 pm SCIC Meeting: Luther Hall

Thursday, December 7

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

6 pm Radiant Youth Meeting

Friday, December 8

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 9

9:30 am WELCA Cookie Exchange and Craft Fair: Luther Hall

Sunday, December 10

9:30 am ELC Worship Service 10:45 am ELC Sunday School

11 am ELC Soup Lunch: Luther Hall & Kitchen

11:30 am Council Meeting: Church Office

3 pm Radiant Leadership Meeting 5 pm Radiant Worship Service



## **Our Mission**

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

### **Our Vision**

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

